Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Pharmacy is one of the oldest health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and,

Whereas, There are over 254,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing services to ensure the rational and safe use of all medications; and,

Whereas, The use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and,

Whereas, Today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and,

Whereas, It is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about, and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and,

Whereas, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy and are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and,

Whereas, Pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility which are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications that are not self-administered such as, but not limited to, immunizations; and,

Whereas, Pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals to help ensure patients are adherent to their medications and provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and,

Whereas, The American Pharmacists Association and South Dakota Pharmacists Association have declared October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme "Know Your Medicine – Know Your Pharmacist":

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

PHARMACISTS MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge all our citizens to acknowledge the valuable services of pharmacists to provide safe, affordable, and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to all citizens.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State